Child Abuse Prevention – Administrative Support Only



Purpose

The purpose of the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP) is to prevent child maltreatment.

Who Is Helped

Prevention services are funded through annual contracts awarded to local community-based volunteer councils. The ICAPP administrator provides support to these councils throughout the state.

- ✓ In SFY14, 61 local community-based volunteer councils received funds.
- These councils provided services in 82 of Iowa's 99 counties.

Services

The department utilizes a statewide non-profit organization to assist in administration of the ICAPP. Duties include:

- Administering a competitive grant program for prevention services to be provided by local community-based prevention volunteer councils.
- Providing technical assistance to local councils and subcontracted service providers.
- Conducting general research as it relates to the prevention of child maltreatment.
- Evaluating the various local services funded by the overall program.
- ✓ A total of 122 unique service contracts were awarded to community-based councils in SFY14.

Goals & Strategies

Goal: Services funded will be effective in reducing the risk of child maltreatment.

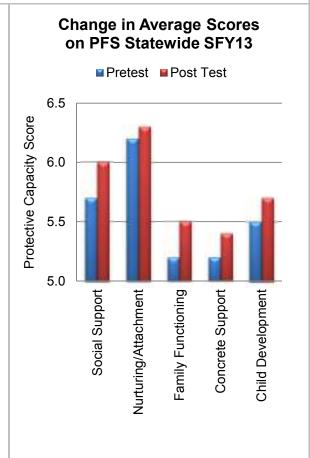
Strategies:

- Emphasize evidence-based or promising practices in prevention.
- Measure effectiveness of ICAPP services.

Results in SFY14:

In August 2013, the ICAPP administrator produced the second annual evaluation report, utilizing protective factors as outcome measures.

- The Protective Factors Survey (PFS) is a reliable and valid 20-question pre/post evaluation tool created by the National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention. It is a selfadministered survey that measures key protective capacities of caregivers in five domains (see graph at right).
- Based on the responses, each domain is given a score from one to seven, with one being the lowest and seven the highest, to indicate the level of that particular protective capacity in the respondent.
 Aggregate pre-post scores from ICAPP participants during SFY13 are illustrated in the graph to the right. All protective capacities reported an increase following participation in prevention services.



	 ✓ The Iowa Family Survey relies on the Protective Factors Survey to gather pre/post test data from participants to measure family outcomes. ✓ The web-based survey is accessed online at www.iowafamilysurvey.org.
Cost of Services	The average cost of the administrative support, contracted through Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, is \$193,000 annually for the life of the contract (SFY12-SFY17).
Funding Sources	100 percent of funding comes via birth registration fees. The fee revenue has varied between \$197,000 and \$233,000 annually over the past five years.
	 ✓ Any funds not used to pay the administrator's contract are added to the total amount available to the local councils for services. ✓ Total funding for the ICAPP (administration and services) in SFY14 was approximately \$1.47 million and came from several federal and state sources. In addition to the birth registration fee, these included federal funds from TANF, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment (CAPTA), and Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF), as well as state funds from the department's child and family services appropriation.
SFY16 & SFY17 Budget Drivers	The administration costs are anticipated to increase to an annual cost of \$195,000 for SFY16 and SFY17. • The annual costs for each of the six years of the contract range from \$190,000-\$195,000.
	✓ Administration costs will be slightly higher in SFY16 and SFY17 as the program continues to increase evaluation efforts and provide technical assistance to local projects.
Legal Basis	State: Iowa Code, Chapters 235A.1 and 235A.2 Iowa Administrative Code, 441 IAC 155